

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at 9:30 A.M.
State Capitol Building, Room 412
Pierre, South Dakota

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ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA OF COMMISSION MEETING

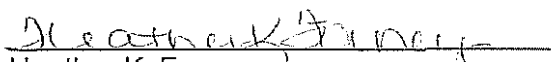
Electric

1. EL06-018 In the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards (Staff Analyst: Nathan Solem, Staff Attorney: Kara Semmler)

On August 8, 2005, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 ("EPAAct 2005") was signed into law. Certain provisions in the EPAAct 2005 amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA") of 1978. The EPAAct 2005 adds five new federal standards to PURPA. The five standards regard net metering, fuel diversity, fossil fuel generation efficiency, smart metering, and interconnection for distributed resources. Under the EPAAct 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has varying timelines within which to consider these standards and determine whether to adopt them. The Commission voted to open a docket to seek comments from interested persons or entities on how to proceed. The Commission requested comments on the following: 1) which electric utilities operating in South Dakota are affected by the standards and are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction? 2) Should the Commission open a docket for each utility or open a generic docket encompassing all of the affected utilities? 3) Should the Commission combine all of the standards, some of the standards, or have separate dockets for each standard? 4) Should the Commission hold evidentiary hearings with direct testimony and cross-examination? 5) If the Commission decides to implement any of the standards, should it do so through a rulemaking? 6) With respect to the net metering standard, should the Commission find it is not required to consider this standard given that the Legislature has already considered net metering in a past legislative session? Comments were received from the South Dakota Rural Electric Association and South Dakota Electric Utility

Companies. A hearing in this matter was held May 30, 2007. Staff filed a letter of recommendations on June 13, 2007. At its July 11, 2007, meeting the Commission voted to not accept PURPA Standard 14 and hold additional workshops on PURPA Standard 15. The Commission further requested that all utilities file their interconnection procedures and requirements within 60 days of the order date. On September 20, 2007, Otter Tail Power Company filed a request for an extension of time to file its interconnection procedures and requirements. NorthWestern Energy filed a request for an extension of time to file its interconnection procedures and requirements on October 4, 2007.

TODAY, shall the Commission Grant an Extension of Time to NorthWestern Energy?



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